MYSORE STATE—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

NOTE ON THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN MYSORE STATE FOR THE WEEK ENDED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1952.

A total of 9 attacks with 5 deaths from Plague was returned from 5 villages in 2 taluks in 2 districts during the week against 29 attacks with 13 deaths in the previous week. The Cities of Bangalore, Mysore and Kolar Gold Fields reported free from Plague. Comparative figures for the corresponding week in 1951 and 1950 were 53 attacks with 23 deaths and 21 attacks with 11 deaths respectively.

A total of 21 attacks with 6 deaths, from Small-pox were reported from Bangalore and Magadi Town, and from the taluks of Bangalore North and Kolar.

Six attacks with 5 deaths from Cholera were reported from Kolar Gold Fields and Maddur Taluk.

The State remained free from Influenza and Relapsing Fever.

The total mortality for Mysore City was 29 (7 in hospitals) for 5 days representing a calculated death-rate of 8·5 (6·5 excluding hospital deaths) per mille of population (annual basis) as against 16·8 (12·4 excluding hospital deaths) for the corresponding week of last year. Classified according to causes, the deaths were: Other Fevers 5, Dysentery and Diarrhœa 6 and All Other Causes 18. The reported mortality was very low.

There were 43 deaths (3 in hospitals) for 7 days from all causes in Kolar Gold Fields City equivalent to a calculated death-rate of 13·9 (13·0 excluding hospital deaths) per mille of population (annual basis) as against 17·8 (12·6 excluding hospital deaths) for the corresponding week of last year. Classified according to causes, the deaths numbered 1 under Cholera, 3 under Other Fevers, 5 under Dysentery and Diarrhœa and 34 under All Other Causes. The reported mortality was very low.

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(HEALTH OF LIVE-STOCK DURING NOVEMBER 1952).

In their order of severity, outbreaks of Rinderpest, Anthrax, Hæmorrhagic-septicæmia, Black-quarter, Sheep-pox, Foot and Mouth, Contagious-Goat, Pleuro-pneumonia, Ranikhet, and Rabies were encountered in the State during November 1952. Altogether 163 villages were reported to have been affected by one or the other of the several contagious and infectious diseases as against 157 villages during the previous month. The number of outbreaks was highest in Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga Districts, while Bangalore, Chitaldrug and Chickmagalur Districts were least affected. These diseases accounted for 656 attacks, of which 498 succumbed. The departmental staff conducted 28,827 preventive inoculations and vaccinations against all the above diseases, except Foot and Mouth disease. In the absence of a reliable method of vaccinatory intervention, other prophylactic measures were adopted against Foot and Mouth disease.

An outbreak of Rinderpest were registered in Davangere Taluk accounting for 20 attacks among sheep, of which 12 succumbed. Prompt measures of control were undertaken by the Department to check its spread. The disease appears to be well under control at the end of the month under report.

Diseases caused by internal parasites were reported from 130 villages accounting for 58 deaths, as against 109 villages accounting for 28 deaths during the previous month. The special staff attached to the parasitic disease control units of the Department dosed 10,592 animals, as against 8,503 animals during the previous month.

The rest of the livestock remained free from diseases, and fodder and water were generally available throughout the State.

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